

the native grasses from year to year. Cattle, horses and sheep have been raised and are still being raised in the same way. The winters are so mild that there are but few days in a whole year that stock cannot secure their own food from the · nutritious, well-cured grasses.

C

Western Nebraska is one of the best cattle countries in the world. The sandhills are dotted here and there with valleys in which hay is produced. The hills furnish pastures for the cattle, this reducing the cost of production to the minimum. The usual estimate of the most experienced catttlemen of this section is that it costs about eight to ten dollars to produce a three-year-old steer, and many of them are sold on the fat cattle market off the range without ever having tasted grain.

The prices received for such cattle are many times the cost of production.

Compare these facts with the cost of production and marketable condition of three-year-old steers raised on high-priced pasture lands

and consider the nearness to the great Omaha stock market and consider that the investment in land in this country is only a small per cent of a sufficient amount of

land to produce the same number of cattle in the central states and you will be surpised at the great superiority of Western Nebraska as a cattle country.

E S H O

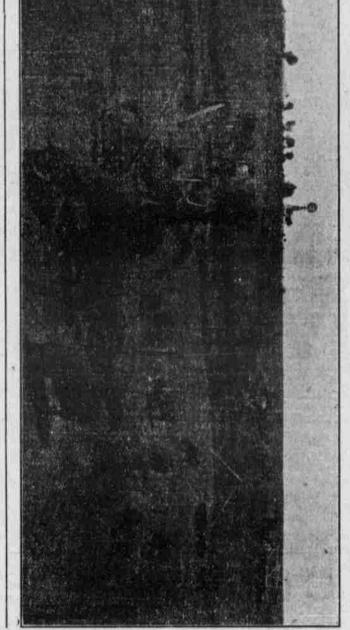
Horses can be raised as cheaply as cattle. When they are raised in this clear, bracing atmosphere, the pure air and water develop a hardiness and depth of lungs that are acquired nowhere else and the animal will have feet on him that will last and be sound as long as there is any horse to stand on them. Three-yearold horses sell at from \$50 to \$150 and it does not cost more than \$10 to \$15 per head to raise them.

H E

Western Nebraska has proven itself well adapted to the raising of sheep. Many large herds are pastured on the native grasses. The very best breeds are kept by the sheep raisers of this part of the country. The loss by storms is very small and the raising of lambs has proven very profitable. Besides the wool crop here produced is very heavy.

H O

Western Nebraska is a paradise for hogs. The climate is such that they enjoy perfect health. Hog cholera is absolutely unknown to this region. An eastern man who can satisfy himself that this





is a fact will certainly appreciate the great advantages there are in raising hogs in this locality. Another matter of surprise to those unacquainted with the fact is that hogs may be raised and raised very quickly on nothing but alfalfa. They graze through the summer and are fed alfalfa hay through the winter.

UL 0 T R

The market for poultry hasbeen exceedingly good. Eggs are rarely as low as 15 cents a dozen and in winter they are sometimes as high as 3 cents a piece. Chickens compare well in price with eggs and turkeys bring better prices than they do in the Mississippi valley.

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· There are in the Alliance Land District a number of thriving towns, among them are Alliance, which is a very enterprising business town, in fact the best town in the west half of the state of Nebraska; Chadron in the north part of the district; Crawford in the northwest, Bridgeport, Scottsbluff, Mitchell, and a number of other scattering towns on the North Platte river, Sidney in the southwest part of the district and other smaller towns scattered over the territory. There will be others



built in the future as the country develops. There is no better place to start in business than in Western Nebraska. The people are wideawake and enterprising

SCHOOLS

It is a matter of surprise to the people who come to this part of the country from the

East to see the interest taken in education and the efficiency of the public school sys-

tem and the thoroughness of the instruction given even in the country schools.

There are a number of high schools that have preparatory courses to the State University and a State Normal School will be located in Western Nebraska this year, probably at Alliance.



CHURCHES

Nearly all the leading denominations of Protestants as well as Catholics are



well represented in this country. The towns are well supplied with churches and there are a number of churches scattered over the country that are convenient to country people.

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